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Polyommatus (Agrodiaetus) dama (STAUDINGER, 1892) on the Nemrut dağı in Turkey (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae)

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SCHURIAN & ECKWEILER (in ECKWEILER & HÄUSER [eds.] 1997) report on the rediscovery of *Polyommatus (Agrodiaetus) dama* (STAUDINGER, 1892) near Malatya. Here we complement their note by our own findings.

On July 25th 1988 we camped a few kilometers north of the Nemrut dağı. We had left Malatya, too late to collect on the way. The 26th we admired the sunrise on the tumulus and statues. It was a beautiful day with a very violent wind and it was quite impossible to collect butterflies outside of very protected stations at the foot of the north side of the ridge. We soon gave up and went north towards Tunçeli. When setting the few specimen we had collected, one was identified as a male *P. dama*. This identification was later confirmed by W. ECKWEILER and J. C. WEISS.

In June 1997, after reading the note on *P. dama* in Turkey, we decided to return to the Nemrut dağı. During the last eight years we had given the presumed locality to a number of friends and none had captured another specimen. We visited the station on July 11th and July 21st 1997 and on both occasions we found *P. dama*, only a very fresh ♂ each time.

The scarce *P. dama* was flying with other blue *Agrodiaetus: P. hopfferi, P. poseidon, P. firdussii*. They were flying around shrubs of *Phlomis fruticosa*(?) on which the *Agrodiaetus* specimens perched in the usual strong wind.

The station is approximately 1900 m high in Nemrut dağı Milli parkı. According to the maps the ridge is in Adıyaman. The archaeological sites belong to the Adıyaman museum, but the Güneş motel on the south side claims a Malatya dependence and the park is patrolled by police forces from the north side. In the UTM co-ordinates used by HESSELBARTH et al. (1995) the locality is in DC 71, in Adıyaman.

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